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## OVERSEAS TICKER

### OTTAWA

The Canadian War Correspondents' Ass'n. will hold its annual get-together at Westport, in the Rideau Lakes area of Ontario, over Labor Day week-end.

One-fourth of Ottawa's small corps of foreign correspondents are Soviet newsmen. Vladimir Vashedchenko has represented Tass for over a year. A recent arrival is Vladimir Ossipov of Isvestia. Other members are Raymond Daniell and Tania Long Daniell, New York Times; Hilary Brigstocke, London Times; Eugene Griffin, Chicago Tribune; Harry Johnston and Ruth Mehrrens, Time-Life.

### ZURICH

Anita Daniel, New York correspondent for Basler National Zeitung, who has headquarters here, has been making frequent trips to Italy and South of France for research on a new book. Plans to return to New York in the fall.

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## TO HONOR BRUNO SHAW

The Board of Governors of the OPC has voted unanimously to honor the chairman of the 1955/56 Awards Committee by a special Bruno Shaw Night at the Memorial Press Center. This special event is to be a tribute to Bruno Shaw "for his exemplary conduct of the Awards Committee work."

The Board of Governors further voted unanimously to make Bruno Shaw a life member of the Club.

A resolution was adopted, testifying to the respected position which Bruno Shaw holds by virtue of his long and devoted service to our Club, to the profession of journalism, and to our country, and saluting his three decades of dedicated fight against communism at considerable peril to himself both in the United States and in Asia. His record was lauded as being in the best tradition of American journalism.

## OPC DEMANDS OK FOR RED CHINA VISIT



### CHURCHILL ACCEPTS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Sir Winston Churchill has accepted an honorary membership in the Overseas Press Club.

The Board of Governors invited Sir Winston to become an honorary member on the recommendation of the Club's Overseas Members Liaison Committee, chaired by Charles Robbins.

The presentation of the official Honorary Card of the Club will be made in London soon by an assembled group of OPCers stationed there, numbering approximately 15. Lin Root, a member of the Liaison Committee, has been entrusted with the card and will participate in the London ceremonies. She is on an assignment in Europe.

### RICHARDSON'S LETTER

### JOINS PRESS PROTESTS

*By Joan Seaver*

The OPC last week added its voice to the almost unanimous demand that the U.S. State Dep't. allow American reporters to visit Communist China. In a letter to the department, Wayne Richardson, OPC president, protested that the country "can only profit when its qualified foreign correspondents have free access to all countries of the world for objective reporting."

The letter continued: "I wonder how serious Chou En-Lai is. Would he permit any visiting American correspondents to interview the 13 Americans held by the Red Chinese? Or better still, why doesn't he obtain their release?"

Ending a seven years' prohibition of Western newsmen, Red China recently issued invitations to 15 American reporters (later they made the total 18), among them OPCers Harrison Forman, Henry R. Lieberman, John Roderick, Dan Kurzman, James Robinson and Sam Jaffe. Others receiving invitations were: Robert Miller, Seymour Friedberg, INS, Walter Kerr, C. L. Sulzberger, Tillman Durdin and his wife - a newspaper woman, Gordon Walker, and Robert Martin. The names of the three correspondents issued later invitations have not been released.

The New York Times pointed out editorially, "We do not believe that anything but good could come out of the honest writing that we presume these reporters would do." Edwin Canham, editor of The Christian Science Monitor, agreed: "We must not erect our own bamboo curtain."

Among other press groups expressing disapproval of the decision were: CBS, NBC, New York Post, AP, INS, McGraw-Hill World News, Washington Post and Times-Herald and American Society of Newspaper Editors.

## Club Calendar

*Tuesday, Aug. 21* - Open House - Dr. Marguerite Cartwright, news correspondent and member of Hunter College faculty, reports on Nigeria and Gold Coast. Cocktails, 6 p.m., followed by buffet supper.

*Thursday, Sept. 6* - Luncheon - Paul Hoffman, U.S. Representative to next session of the U.N. General Assembly and Chairman of the Board, Fund for the Republic. 12:30 p.m., main dining room.



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## LONDON CONFERENCE GIVEN FULL COVERAGE

The London Conference, called Aug. 16 to discuss the seizure by Egypt of the Suez Canal, is being covered by representatives of seven major news services and dailies in the U.S. Among those assigned are: (CBS) Howard K. Smith and Alexander Kendrick; (Time-Life) B. Donald Burke, Robert Lubar and Max Ways; (AP) Eddy Gilmore, Lynn Heinzerling and John Lloyd; (NBC) Romney Wheeler; (New York Times) Harold Callender and Kennett Love; (INS) Howard Handleman and John H. Crider; and (UP) Daniel F. Gilmore and William C. Sexton.

### U.N.'s MEYER COHEN GUEST

Mr. Meyer Cohen of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board spoke to OPC members Aug. 14. His subject was U. N. assistance to many underdeveloped countries of the world to improve their living conditions. The talk was followed by questions of Club members concerning the U.N. program, operated by a large staff of technical experts.

Mr. Cohen's visit was arranged through Miss *Adelaide Kerr*, U.N. reporter.

### OPC Thanks Krekovic

The OPC expresses its thanks to Mr. Kristian Krekovic, internationally known artist, for the exhibition of his oil paintings, made in the mountains of Peru, at the Club last month.

The paintings, being given loud acclaim during their showings in the eastern U.S., are scheduled for an eighteen-month display in Europe under the auspices of the Peruvian government.

## OVERSEAS TICKER (C't'd from page 1) ROME

Henry R. Luce and wife, OPCer Clare Boothe, vacationing in Europe following completion of his three months' duty in the New York Life Bureau. Luce visited Paris Newsbureau Chief Frank White last week and is due here the middle of August.

### SANTIAGO

*Ben Cohen*, U.N. Under Secretary, homeleaving since Aug. 12 here with his family. Plans to return to New York the middle of September.

### OPC HOSTS EDITORS

The OPC was host to ten Latin American editors at an informal reception and buffet supper Aug. 7.

The countries represented were: Cuba, Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, Mexico and Guatemala. The reception for the editors, who are touring the U.S. on a State Department invitation, was arranged by Daniel Van Acker and Arthur Reef.

### MULTIPLICATIONS

*Fri., Jul. 13* — Boy, Michael Clement, born to the *William C. Driscolls*. (He's News Director of Crusade for Freedom.)

*Sat., Jul. 28* — Larry and *Elizabeth Fagg* Olds became parents to 7 lb., 7 oz. Cynthia Craig.

*Tues., Jul. 31* — In Chicago, a second daughter, Jean Randall, for the *Martin Sheridans*. Marty is PR Dir. for the Admiral Corp.

*Sat., Aug. 11* — Son, Robert Gordon, II, born to the *Robert G. Blacks*. Godfather is *Will Oursler*.

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## PEOPLE & PLACES...

Louisa Dalcher, ass't. to the managing editor of *The Reporter*, was married Aug. 9 to *Louis Messolonghites*, ass't. exec editor of *King Features*. The couple left Aug. 11 to cover the conventions (these are the 8th and 9th conventions he has covered); then plan a month's travel through California, Texas and other southern states... *Newsweek's* Aug. 6 issue came out with a new advertising promotion column by Millie Considine, wife of popular OPCer Bob Considine. The column is also being carried in the *New Yorker*... *Ruth Lloyd* flew to Chicago for one-day preview of the Chicago Convention Amphitheatre; *Stella Margold* was appointed Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms at the Republican Convention; *John Caly* is attending both conventions for Western Union Cables; *Cecil Brown*, *William Hillman* and *Bill Cunningham* number among WOR's contingent broadcasting both conventions; *Croswell Bowen* covering the Democratic Convention for INS, Saturday Review and Pageant... *Graciella Levi Castillo* wrote a fascinating letter (wish we could print all of it) concerning her visit to Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica and Cuba. In the Dominican Republic, she found Trujillo's office most cooperative, but one of his government leaders "despotic," "mean" and not popular with her subalterns. Dominicans were "silent" when asked about Galindenz... *Edith Kermit Roosevelt* begins in September as editor of *American Mercury's* new book review section. She is with McCann Erickson in their public relations affiliate and as writer... *Roland Gammon* left yesterday as leader of a 27-man group on a State Department-approved interfaith tour to Russia. The tour will stop in Vienna, Prague, Zurich, Berlin, Paris and Amsterdam, returning Sept. 20... *Carl Mydans* left Time-Life's London Bureau to go to Life editorial... *Lin Root* travelling to Europe and England for Reader's Digest (and to work on OPC's Overseas Membership Drive)... *Seymour Topping*, formerly AP London, has been appointed acting correspondent in Berlin... *Richard K. O'Malley*, AP chief of bureau at Nicosia for the Cyprus-Israel area, has been appointed chief of Denver Bureau... *Lucia Donnelley* leaves tomorrow for Panama to be simultaneous interpreter at VI Inter-American Congress of municipalities.



NBC NEWS PANEL VIEWS WORLD AFFAIRS AT OPC LUNCHEON

A panel of NBC's top commentators, each an expert on affairs in his own area, presented invigorating reviews of world events at a luncheon held last week at the OPC. NBC Newscaster *Chet Huntley* (standing) was moderator while front-row listeners (back to camera) included NBC Vice-President *Davidson Taylor* and Director of News *William R. McAndrew*. The panel included (left to right): *David Burk*, Cyprus; *Merrill "Red" Mueller*, Rome; *W. W. Chaplin*, former OPC president; (Huntley); *Henry W. Toluzzi*, Hong Kong; and *Frank Bourgholtzer*, Bonn.

## REPORT FROM LONDON

By William J. Coughlin

Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd told a recent luncheon meeting of the Assn. of American Correspondents in London that there is no doubt the changes taking place in Russia are of great significance. But he noted that the Communist party is retaining its control over the press and radio. The foreign secretary said the Soviets now are showing greater respect for freedom of the individual, have reduced the status of the secret police, and are making tremendous technological advances. But in the field of political ideas, he said, there does not seem to be much change. Russian leaders have not given up the idea of a world victory for communism, he warned, although it now appears they believe it will come about through peaceful means.

U.S. Ambassador Winthrop Aldrich

was a guest at the luncheon. After his on-the-record talk, Foreign Secretary Lloyd answered questions off-the-record. Henry S. Hayward, Christian Science Monitor, vice president of the association, presided at the luncheon in the absence of president Drew Middleton, New York Times, who is on home leave.

Other officers of the association for the year 1956/57 include Don Burke, Life, secretary; Joan Graham, Baltimore Sun, treasurer. The executive committee consists of Charles A. Smith, INS; Julius W. Cohn, Fairchild Publications; Don Cook, New York Herald Tribune; Yale Newman, ABC; Eugene C. Patterson, United Press; Howard K. Smith, CBS; Jack S. Smith, Associated Press; Romney Wheeler, NBC.



## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

## ACTIVE

Oliver Gramling, asst. Gen. Mgr. Associated Press since 1927. New York Times, 1926. Proposed by *Michael Crissan*; seconded by *Stanley Frank*.

Charles Hugh Klensch, chief of Moscow Bureau, INS, since Feb. 1954. INS, chief of bureau, Madrid, Spain, Nov. 1953 to Feb. 1954; from Feb. to Oct. 1949, Rome (Italy) Daily American Sports Ed. Proposed by *Irving R. Levine*; seconded by *Daniel Schorr*.

## ASSOCIATE

Richard Greenough, London "Daily Mail" staff foreign correspondent in NY since Oct. 1955; chief of bureau, Bonn (Germany) from Sept. '54 to Oct. '55; foreign correspondent (NY) from Feb. '48 to Sept. '54. UNRRA, PRO, (Prague and West Germany) from June '46 to Sept. '47, etc. Proposed by *Alex H. Faulkner*; seconded by *A. Wilfred May*.

Richard C. Patterson, Jr., Commissioner Department of Commerce & Public Events of New York. Proposed by *Louis P. Lochner*; seconded by *Kathryn Cravens*.

## NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

## ACTIVE

*Flora L. Gruson*, free lancer.

*Durbin Lee Horner*, Dell Publishing Co.

*Waverly Root*, free lancer.

*Marvin Sleeper*, New York Journal American.

## ASSOCIATE

*Arthur Bernhard*, Skye Publishing Co.



Pictured above boarding plane at start of South American tour are OPCers Lou Garcia, Wilfred May, Mrs. George Polk (mother of CBS correspondent killed in Greece), Madeline Ross, (second row) James Connolly and Albert Keshen. When they landed in Caracas, their first stop, they cabled: "OPC tour warmly received in Venezuela. Much publicity in press, radio, television. Flying down to Rio tonight." They've had coverage in South American publications.

K. LASSEN AND A. MILTON  
JOIN BULLETIN BUSINESS STAFF

Gilbert E. Busch, Advertising and Business Manager of the OPC Bulletin, announces the addition of Arthur G. Milton, New York Daily Mirror, and Kurt Lassen, Investors Future Magazine, to the Business Staff of the Bulletin.

*Russell W. Mac Fadden*, The Detroit Free Press.

*Ruth S. Tropin*, PIO (US) Intergovernmental Comm. for European Migration.

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